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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 7193

CINCPAC: FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE RECALL OF THE PARCHAMIST EXILES

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 6, THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TOLD THE WEST GERMAN DCM THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTIFICATION OF BABRAK KARMAL'S RECALL BEFORE THE ID-I-FITR HOLIDAY PERIOD, WHICH COMMENCED ON SEPTEMBER 4. (AS REPORTED IN THE REFTTEL, THE OTHER LOCAL EMBASSIES OF COUNTRIES HOSTING THE REMAINING PARCHAMIST AMBASSADORS -- INCLUDING OUR OWN -- RECEIVED THEIR NOTES ON SEPTEMBER 6.) THE EMBASSY HAS HEARD REPORTS, AS YET UNCONFIRMED, THAT BABRAK KARMAL HAS ALREADY RETURNED TO
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2. ON SEPTEMBER 7, WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR FRANZ JOSEPH HOFFMANN TOLD OUR DCM THAT EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERMANN SCHWIESAU HAS RECENTLY INFORMED HIM THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IS VERY DISTURBED OVER THE RECENT UNSETTLING POLITICAL TURMOIL AT KABUL. HOFFMANN REGARDS SCHWIESAU AS FRANK AND OPEN; THEREFORE, HE REGARDS THIS REPORT AS

CREDIBLE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE DISSATISFIED AS THE TOP KHALQIST LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO WHITTLE THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S ALREADY SKIMPY TALENT BASE DOWN TO WAFER THINNESS, DELAYING AS ONE CONSEQUENCE, ANY CONCRETE REFORMIST ACTION IN THIS CONFUSED AND DEMORALIZED COUNTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, GIVEN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE CPSU, THE SOVIETS UNDOUBTEDLY UNDERSTAND THE STRATEGY OF KHALQ LEADERS LIKE HAFIZULLAH AMIN, WHO APPARENTLY ARE GIVING FIRST PRIORITY TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF UN-QUESTIONED POLITICAL POWER.

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